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For: METHOD FOR CONDITIONING SUBSTRATES USING AN  
ELECTROKINETIC GEOSYNTHETIC STRUCTURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4 through 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21  
through 26, 28 through 30 as follows:

4. (amended) A method for conditioning a substrate mass as claimed  
in claim 1 wherein the supply system is in hydraulic and electrical  
continuity with the electrokinetic geosynthetic structure and a  
reservoir.

5. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 comprising additionally  
reversing the polarity of the conducting elements during the  
method, or supplying conditioning material of different charge  
during the method.

6. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the substrate  
is selected from soil, loam, earth, sod, clay, weak rock, gravel,

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